

News **from Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin**

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HOUSE PASSES RECORD FUNDING FOR VETERANS HEALTH CARE

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Herseth Sandlin Applauds Largest Increase Ever for Veterans Administ

June 15, 2007, Washington, D.C. –

Today, the U.S. H

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Sandlin supported the legislation, and said, “For the first t

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In particular, the increased funding in the Military Construction and Veterans' Appr

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Significantly reduce the 400,000 claims backlog for veterans waiting for disa

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Medical Services: \$3.4 billion above 2007 to improve access to medical serv

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Support critical maintenance of VA health care facilities.

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Make five polytrauma centers and three Centers of Excellence for Mental Health

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Support the development and operation of a toll-free phone and web-based

Address the needs of veterans suffering from mental health and post-trauma

Action on veterans' health care funding could not come at a more important time. J

The legislation has won widespread support and praise from America's leading ve

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Congresswoman

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